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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR DEVICE

the specification of which was filed on August 15, 2003, as Serial No. 10/642,372, and this application claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed Application Serial No. 60/403,783, filed August 15, 2002, and Application Serial No. 09/777,091 filed February 5, 2001, and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/180,002, filed February 3, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
60/087,661	June 2, 1998
60/180,002	February 3, 2000
60/403,783	August 15, 2002

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject

matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
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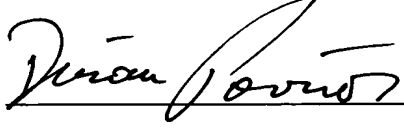
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